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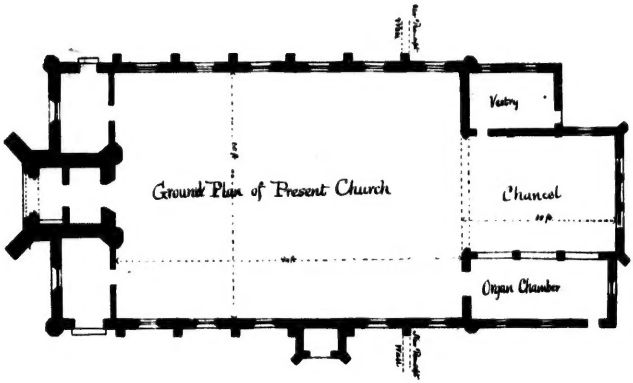

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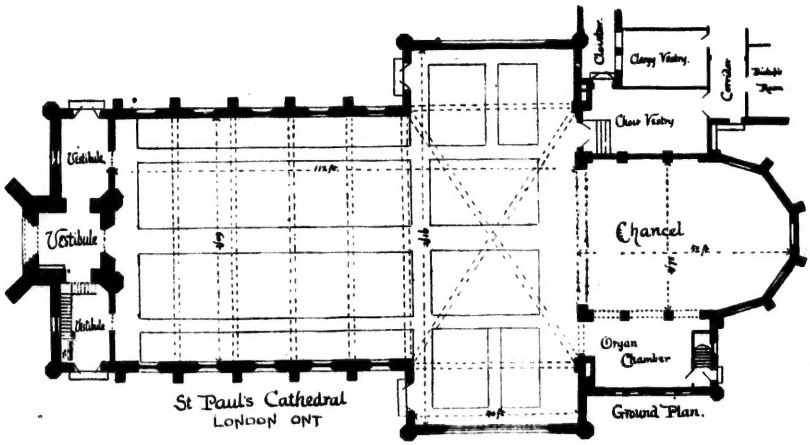
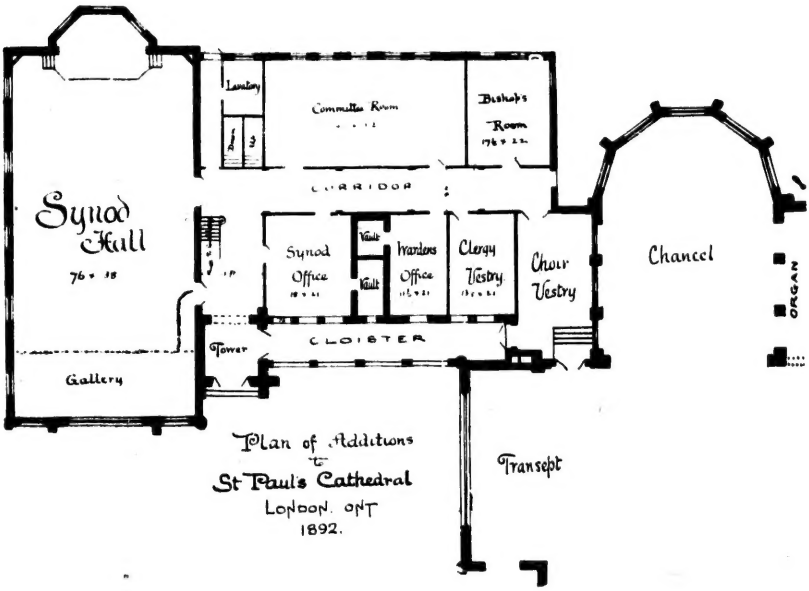


St. Paul's Cathedral, London, Ont.

Ground Plan of Church, showing New Transepts and Chancel.

Front Elevation — Synod Hall



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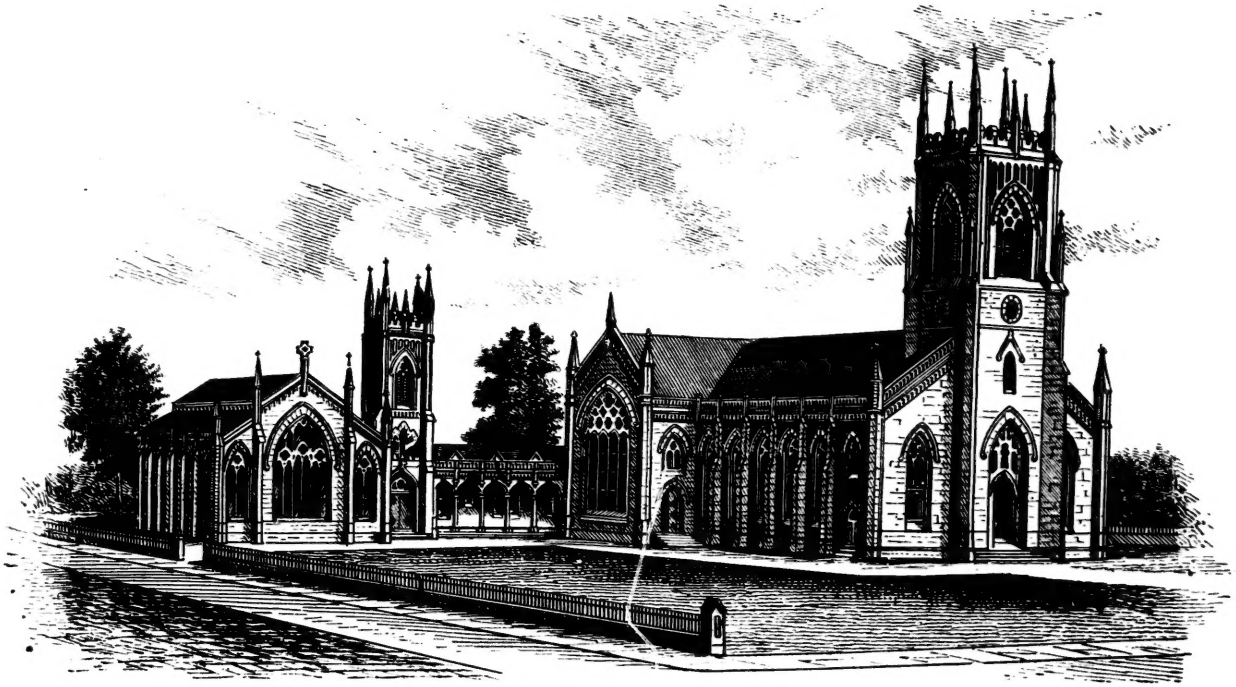

St. Paul's Cathedral and Synod Buildings—Perspective View.

RESTORATION

OF

St. Paul's Cathedral

LONDON, ONTARIO.

FROM the days when the aboriginal inhabitants alone occupied the forest wilds of Ontario, and the beaten trail was the only safe and practicable road even for the red man, through the otherwise trackless forest, the junction of the branches of the Thames, a Canadian "Meeting of the Waters," has possessed much interest. As the rendezvous of the Indian hunters, and revealing itself to the early settlers as the centre of a most fertile country, well wooded and watered, and affording promise of plentiful reward to the labors of the hardy pioneers who "cleared" it, it is little wonder that in the march of progress the "wigwam" had to give place to the "log house," the "forest primeval" to the fertile field, and again in its turn the hamlet of "The Forks" to the Town and then the City of London, now one of the most beautiful and healthful spots to be found in this Western Peninsula.

At an early stage in the history of the settlement the Church of England was represented in the person of the Rev. Benjamin Cronyn, who, in the year 1832, reached the Village which was destined to be the germ of the future City, and commenced his work of ministering in holy things, identifying himself so closely with the interests of the Church, and the parish of St. Paul's, and the diocese of Huron, of which, in the year 1856, he became the first Bishop, that though he has long passed to his reward, his name is yet, after twenty-one years, a household word, and his memory is green in the hearts of those for whose spiritual welfare he so earnestly and devotedly labored.

About the year 1835, some three years after his arrival upon the scene of his future labors, the present site of St. Paul's was granted by the Crown for church purposes, and the first church bearing the name, a frame building, was erected. This was burnt down in 1844, when the present church was built, of bricks moulded and baked upon the spot, and stands, though weather-worn and dilapidated, a monument to the honest and efficient work of its builders, and so substantial that it will not be necessary to rebuild the main walls and tower, which if suitably encased in moulded and pressed brick will be sufficiently modernized and improved without impairment of the original design.

St. Paul's was during Bishop Cronyn's episcopate the cathedral church of the Diocese of Huron, and has now been again raised to that dignity by Bishop Baldwin, and its restoration and enlargement are now, after very careful consideration, fully resolved upon, and the work is now favourably progressing, so that it is confidently expected that the Sunday School and Synod Hall and the various offices for the work of the church and of the Diocese will be ready for occupancy early in 1893, when the work on the Cathedral itself will be commenced, and it is thought by the Building Committee that a short sketch of the history of the undertaking will be pleasing to those who have already interested themselves in it, and may also induce others to lend a helping hand in a work which, although assured of a certain amount of success, yet needs that universal support which those who have most closely examined it believe it to deserve, and which will result in its entire and satisfactory completion.

The importance of having suitable buildings for use as a Cathedral, and for the various departments of Diocesan work, partly met by the erection of the Bishop Cronyn Hall, which was soon found to be inadequate to the accommodation required for the work of the growing Diocese, was more fully recognized when Bishop Hellmuth, some twenty years ago, endeavoured with most commendable energy to establish them on the beautiful site which was then secured. His efforts were, however, but partially successful, and the contributions for the purpose were more than ex-

hausted in the purchase of the site and the erection of the Chapter House, and the project, failing of its full completion by the building of a Cathedral at the time, cannot now, especially after the encroachment and near proximity of the C. P. R. R., be carried out.

In the meantime St. Paul's Church, which had assumed by purchase from the Synod the building formerly erected by them on part of the church land, and known as the "Bishop Cronyn Hall," had further enlarged the church by a new chancel and addition to the vestry, and a new organ chamber, in which the old organ was first placed, and the present fine instrument afterwards. Neither chancel nor school hall have proved altogether satisfactory, and the general dilapidation of the church and church buildings has for several years past forced itself so constantly upon the notice of even the least observant, that nearly all have been fully convinced of the necessity of, at the least, very substantial repairs, and the difficulty of providing financially for these, and the certainty that even were they effected, the accommodation would still be insufficient and unsatisfactory, has caused much thoughtful consideration on the part of the Wardens and members of the Vestry, and it was ultimately resolved that it would be less burdensome upon the resources of the church, and of far more practical benefit, to undertake to put St. Paul's into a condition befitting its position as the Cathedral Church of the Diocese, than to incur a debt nearly as large for simple repairs, the amounts contributed towards which were very insufficient, few persons so realizing either the necessity for them or their necessary extent as to be willing to make adequate provision.

In pursuance of the idea of centralizing the work of the Diocese around St. Paul's as its Cathedral, an arrangement was made with the Synod under which the sum of $10,000 is to be advanced by way of loan to the cathedral corporation at 5 per cent., and the Synod agrees to occupy the offices at a rental of $500 per annum, from the time at which it ceases to pay rental for its present offices; and in arranging the design for the new buildings, a suitable Synod Hall was one of the first desiderata, and it was recognized that this would afford fitting accommodation for the Sunday School,

which had seriously suffered in all its interests by reason of the unsuitability of the present hall, fitting offices and rooms were needed for the congregational and diocesan work, and, in order to keep pace with the requirements of the present time, it was deemed advisable not simply to rebuild the chancel, which had been condemned by competent architects, but to add transepts and chancel on an extended plan, so that the side galleries, which were no part of the original plan of the church, might be dispensed with without any sacrifice of seating accommodation, and to arrange for greater comfort than had previously been possible by the introduction of an efficient system of heating and ventilation, including the vestibuling and heating of the entire front of the church.

This having been resolved upon, a committee was formed, and the Rev. Richard Hicks, who was then assistant minister of the church, was appointed chairman, and with much diligence and energy entered at once upon the work of obtaining a list of subscriptions, which, with certain variations and additions, forms the foundation of the present provision for the work. It was at first hoped that it would be possible to build the additions and encase the whole church in stone, but the expense proved to be too great, and it was found that external appearance would have to be subordinated to some extent to convenience and accommodation, and the specifications now being used have been prepared with a view to reducing the cost of the work as far as is consistent with efficiency and durability. The work is now proceeding upon designs in harmony with the original church building prepared by Messrs. Spier & Rohns, of Detroit, and under the superintendence of Mr. John M. Moore, architect, of this city, and the careful supervision of the Wardens and Committee; and the illustrations which accompany this will give a better idea than can otherwise be conveyed of the character and extent of the work. The contract for the principal work has been let to Messrs. Tambling & Jones, whose reputation is in itself a guarantee of efficiency, for the sum of $34,276, and it has since been arranged, at an additional cost of $1,500, to encase the new work with pressed and moulded bricks, the make of the Toronto Pressed

Brick Co., it being considered by the Committee absolutely necessary that this should be done, as it would otherwise be impossible to give a satisfactory finish to the older walls and front tower, which it is hoped to accomplish in the near future, or, as some of the more sanguine expect, by the spontaneous liberality of the congregation, before the artisans leave the work now projected. In the meantime the work now undertaken will involve the expenditure of very nearly $50,000, against which there is a subscription list of $18,000, a guarantee fund for further subscriptions of $4,000, land and materials to be sold, $3,000, and the Synod Loan, $10,000, leaving a possible $15,000 to be carried as a further loan, in the face of which it would not be prudent to undertake additional expenditure, unless special contributions are made for that purpose.

The object of this address is to ask every member of St. Paul's congregation and every well-wisher of the work, whether connected with this Cathedral or not, to give willing and liberal aid. Those who have for the most of their lives worshipped in the old church which from its many pleasing and time-honored associations they love so well, will surely make the effort of a lifetime, so to speak, to give *it* a new lease of life, and equip it for greater usefulness, while those who have more recently cast in their lot with us, even without such a life-bond of sympathy, cannot fail to see how desirable and even necessary it is that so large a Diocese should have the proper ecclesiastical provision of Cathedral and diocesan buildings. Under these circumstances, let no one wait even to be solicited, but with an earnest, hearty spontaneity of liberality, let all those who can, give freely of their wealth, or even gladly of their little for this purpose,—a work for the service of Almighty God, undertaken for His honor and glory, and for the welfare and extension of His Church, and which seems to be indicated by a concurrence of circumstances at the present time as our duty as a congregation and as individuals.

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